

WE CLAIM:

1. A color matching server which is connected for two-way communications to a client to convert color data based on prescribed color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors and which creates said color matching information and sends it to said client, said server comprising:

a means to acquire the data relating to actual colors which is sent from said client,

a means to create said color matching information based on the thus acquired data and the data of said standard colors, and

a means to output the thus created color matching information to said client.

2. A color matching client which is connected for two-way communications to a color matching server to create and send color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors and which converts color data based on said color matching information, said client comprising:

a means to send to said server the data of actual colors in the environment of said client,

a means to acquire said color matching information from said server, and

a means to convert said color data based on said color matching information.

3. A print control server which is connected for two-

way communications to a print control client to perform conversion based on prescribed color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors at the time of conversion into color data corresponding to a plurality of printing colorants upon input of print data and which creates said color matching information based on data measured by said print control client and sends it to said print control client, said server comprising:

a measured data acquiring means to acquire the measured data of the image for colorimetry having a plurality of tones for each of said printing colorants which is printed by said print control client,

a color matching information creating means to create said color matching information based on the measured data of the image for colorimetry for said individual printing colorants and the measured data of said standard colors corresponding to the printing colorants which have previously been acquired, and

a color matching information output means to output the color matching information created by the color matching creating means to said print control client.

4. A print control client which is connected for two-way communications to a print control server to perform conversion of color data based on color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors at the time of conversion into color data corresponding to a plurality of printing colorants upon input of print

data, said client comprising:

a colorimetry image print control means to control the printing of images for colorimetry with a plurality of tone for each of said printing colorants,

a data sending means to receive the input of the measured data of the color measuring image and sends it to said print control server,

a matching color information acquisition means to acquire said color matching information from said print control server, and

a means to convert said print data into said color data based on said color matching information.

5. A print control server as defined in Claim 3, wherein the measured data of said print control client is lightness data of the image for colorimetry with a plurality of tones for each of said printing colorants.

6. A print control client as defined in Claim 4, wherein the measured data of said image for colorimetry is lightness data and said data sending means receives the input of the lightness data of the image for colorimetry and sends it to said print control server.

7. A print control system which is composed of a print control client to perform conversion based on prescribed color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors at the time of printing using color data at the time of conversion into color data corresponding to a plurality of printing colorants upon



said print control client the color matching information created by the color matching information creating means, said print control client:

prints said colorimetry image for each of the printing colorants by said colorimetry image print control means, receives the input of the lightness data of said colorimetry image by said lightness data sending means, and sends it to said print control means, and said print control server:

receives the lightness data from said print control client by said lightness data acquisition means, creates the color matching information by said color matching information creating means based on the lightness data and said lightness data stored in said standard color lightness data storing region, and sends the thus created color matching information to said print control means by said color matching information output means, said print control client:

acquires said color matching information from said print control server by said color matching information acquisition means, and converts said print data into said color data based on the color matching information.

8. A print control system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said print control client has an image data sending means to acquire image data from an image capturing equipment to capture image data of an image for colorimetry and send it to said print control server, and said lightness

data acquisition means converts the image data entered from said print control client into the lightness data, thereby acquiring the lightness data of said image for colorimetry.

9. A print control system as defined in Claim 8, wherein said image capturing equipment is a scanner.

10. A print control system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said color matching information is a tone value correction table which makes the tone value of the color data converted from said print data correspond to the tone value for color reproduction to match said standard color with printing colorants corresponding to said color data.

11. A print control system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said color matching information is provided in the form of color conversion table in which the relation between input and output is corrected.

12. A print control system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said print control client is constructed of a first and second print control clients,

said first print control client comprising a standard color lightness data sending means to receive the input of the lightness data of said standard colors and sends to said print control server the lightness data of standard colors which has been entered,

said print control server comprising a standard color lightness data storing means to store in said standard color lightness data storing region the lightness data of said standard colors which is entered from said first print

control client,

said color matching information output means outputs to said second print control client said color matching information which has been created based on the lightness data of said standard colors entered from said first print control client.

13. A print control system as defined in Claim 12, wherein the standard color lightness data storing means of said print control server is capable of storing said lightness data entered from a plurality of said first print control clients for the first print control clients individually, said print control server has a list outputting means to create a list of the first print control clients which entered the lightness data and outputs it to said second print control clients,

said second print control clients has a select input receiving means to make one select specific first print control clients based on the list output from said list output means, and a select result output means to sends the first print control client selected and input to said print control server,

said color matching information creating means specifies the lightness data of said standard colors based on said selected and input first print control client which has been sent from said select result output means, thereby creating said color matching information corresponding to the lightness data of said second print control client, and

said color matching information output means outputs said color matching information to said second print control clients.

14. A print control system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said print control client has an identification information sending means which acquires the identification information of the equipment which reproduces colors with said printing colorants and sends it to said print control server, and said color matching information creating means creates said color matching information based on the lightness data of said standard colors corresponding to the identification information entered from said print control client.

15. A print control method to be carried out by a print control server which is connected for two-way communications to a print control client to perform conversion based on prescribed color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors at the time of conversion into color data corresponding to a plurality of printing colorants upon input of print data and which creates said color matching information based on data measured by said print control client and sends it to said print control client, said method comprising:

a measured data acquisition step to acquire measured data of colorimetry images with tones for individual printing colorants which are printed by said print control client,



a color matching information creating step to create said color matching information based on the measured data of colorimetry image for each of said printing colorants and the measured data of said standard colors corresponding to said printing colorants which have previously been obtained, and

a color matching information output step to output the color matching information created by the color matching information creating step to said print control client.

16. A medium storing therein a print control program which makes the computer to serve as a print control server which is connected for two-way communications to a print control client to perform conversion based on prescribed color matching information that permits reproduction of prescribed standard colors at the time of conversion into color data corresponding to a plurality of printing colorants upon input of print data and which creates said color matching information based on data measured by said print control client and sends it to said print control client, said medium comprising:

a measured data acquisition function to acquire measured data of colorimetry images with tones for individual printing colorants which are printed by said print control client,

a color matching information creating function to create said color matching information based on the measured data of colorimetry image for each of said printing

colorants and the measured data of said standard colors corresponding to said printing colorants which have previously been obtained, and

a color matching information output function to output the color matching information created by the color matching information creating step to said print control client.

17. A profile providing server which comprises:

a communicating means capable of transmission and reception of data through a communication line,

a read color data acquisition means to acquire through said communication line the read color data obtained by reading with a prescribed image input device the color charts printed by a specific printing device based on prescribed print color data,

a color character description data acquisition means to acquire through a prescribed interface the color character description data to match the print color data of the image input device with the prescribed standard color space coordinate values,

a profile data creating means to create the profile data defining correspondence between the printed color data and the prescribed standard color space coordinate values by matching the read color data with the standard color space coordinate value with reference to the color character description data, and

a profile data output means to output through the communication line the thus created profile data.

18. A profile demanding client to connect and control a printing device and an image input device and to demand a profile of the printing device for an external server, which comprises:

a color chart print demand receiving means to receive a demand to print a prescribed color chart by said printing device,

a printing control means to control print execution by said printing device based on a prescribed printing color data in compliance with the printing demand from said color chart print demand receiving means,

a color chart reading demand receiving means to receive a demand to read by said image input device the color chart printed according to control from said print control means,

an image input device control means to control said image input device in compliance with the read demand from said color chart read demand receiving means and acquires the read color data of said color chart,

a color character description data acquisition means to control said image input device and acquire the color character description data previously stored in said image input device, said data matching the read color data with the prescribed standard color space coordinate value and being measured for the individual input image devices,

a communication means capable of transmission and reception of data through a communication line,

a data output means to output said printing color data, said read color data, and said color character description data through said communication means, and

a profile data acquisition means to acquire the profile data of the printing device through said communication means.

19. A color matching server to create color matching information for reproduction of the prescribed standard colors, which comprises creating color matching information based on the data relating to actual colors and the data of standard colors.

20. A color matching server to create color matching information for reproduction of the prescribed standard colors, which comprises creating color matching information based on the data relating to actual colors output by a printing device other than standard machines and the data of standard colors output by a printing device which is the standard machine.

21. A color matching server as defined in Claims 19 and 20, wherein the data of standard colors is lightness data.